

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth below.

1        1. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for mounting computer components in an enclosure, the  
2        apparatus comprising:

3                at least one fastener coupled to a frame, the fastener being adapted for

4                connecting to an enclosure without requiring the use of a tool;

5                at least one guide pin coupled to the frame, the pin being adapted to receive a

6                computer component for attachment of the component to the apparatus;

7                and

8                a release member coupled to a frame, the release member being resilient and

9                being adapted for attaching a computer component to the connection

10               apparatus by engaging the computer component, wherein manipulation of

11               the release member releases the computer component from the connection

12               apparatus.

1               2. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus does not require  
2        the use of tools for mounting computer components in an enclosure or releasing computer  
3        components from an enclosure.

1               3. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is adapted for  
2        attachment to at least one support structure in an enclosure by securing the apparatus to at  
3        least one hole in the support structure.

1               4. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein pressing the release member  
2        toward the fastener releases the computer component from the connection apparatus.

1           5. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising at least one resting  
2 ledge that supports the computer component while the component is attached to the  
3 apparatus.

1           6. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one fastener further  
2 comprises a release plunger slidably connected to the frame, wherein a tip portion of the  
3 plunger rests inside a hole in the frame and a spring biases the release plunger toward the  
4 fastener.

1           7. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein pulling the release plunger  
2 away from the hole in the frame allows release of the apparatus from the enclosure

1           8. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one fastener further  
2 comprises two front fastener arms and one rear fastener arm for attaching to holes in a  
3 support structure of an enclosure.

1           9. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises two  
2 detachable parts, a first part comprising a first frame coupled to at least one fastener and  
3 at least one guide pin, and a second part comprising a second frame coupled to the release  
4 member.

1           10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising at least one tab  
2 coupled to the second frame to prevent substantial rotation of the computer component  
3 attached to the apparatus.

1           11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a resting pocket  
2 for supporting the edge of the computer component on the apparatus.

1           12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a pivotable bar  
2           that engages the computer component as mounting holes on the component slide onto at  
3           least one guide pin, wherein the pivotable bar pivots to secure the component against a  
4           frame of the mounting apparatus and a notched edge of the bar engages a threaded portion  
5           on the release member to lock the bar into position.

1           13. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 12, further comprising at least one tab  
2           coupled to the second frame to prevent substantial rotation of the computer component  
3           attached to the apparatus.

1           14. (Withdrawn) A system for mounting computer components in an enclosure,  
2           the enclosure having at least one support member, the system comprising:

3                   a means for securing at least one computer component to a support member  
4                   of the enclosure without requiring the use of tools, the means being  
5                   further adapted for unsecuring the at least one computer component to a  
6                   support member of the enclosure without requiring the use of tools,  
7                   wherein the means is detachable from the support member.

1           15. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 14, wherein the means is attached and  
2           detached from the support member without requiring the use of tools.

1           16. (Currently Amended) A method for attaching computer components in an  
2           enclosure by attaching a mounting apparatus to the enclosure and attaching a computer  
3           component to the mounting apparatus that is adapted to receive computer components,  
4           the method comprising:

5 connecting ~~at~~the mounting apparatus to a support member of ~~an~~the enclosure  
6 by attaching at least one fastener of the mounting apparatus to the  
7 enclosure without the use of a tool;  
8 engaging ~~a~~the computer component with a least one guide pin of the  
9 mounting apparatus that is adapted to receive computer components; and  
10 securing the computer component to the mounting apparatus by releasably  
11 engaging the computer component with a release member of the  
12 mounting apparatus without the use of the tool.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein connecting a mounting  
2 apparatus to a support member further comprises moving the mounting apparatus against  
3 the support structure to slide two front fasteners and one back fastener into holes in the  
4 support member of the enclosure.

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein connecting a mounting  
2 apparatus to a support member further comprises moving the mounting apparatus against  
3 the support structure to slide a tip of a release plunger into a hole in the support member  
4 of the enclosure.

1 19. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein engaging a computer component  
2 with at least one guide pin of the mounting apparatus further comprises moving the  
3 computer component against the mounting apparatus to slide two guide pins into  
4 mounting holes in the computer component.

1 20. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein securing the computer  
2 component to the mounting apparatus by engaging the computer component with a

3 release member of the mounting apparatus further comprises moving the computer  
4 component against the release member to press the release member toward the support  
5 structure.

1 21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein moving the computer component  
2 against the release member to press the release member toward the support structure  
3 further comprises moving the computer component to such a distance that the release  
4 member returns to its original position on the other side of the component, thereby  
5 securing the component between a frame of the mounting apparatus and the release  
6 member

1 22. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising resting the edge of the  
2 computer component on a ledge attached to a frame of the mounting apparatus.

1 23. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein securing the computer  
2 component to the mounting apparatus further comprises using at least one tab to secure  
3 the release member in a position that secures the computer component on the mounting  
4 apparatus and prevents substantial rotation of the computer component.

1 24. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising moving the edge of  
2 the computer component into a resting pocket in the mounting apparatus to engage  
3 mounting holes in the component with two tabs to secure the component onto the  
4 mounting apparatus.

1 25. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising pivoting a bar to  
2 engage the computer component and slide mounting holes in the component onto at least

3 one guide pin, wherein the bar pivots to secure the componenet against a frame of the to  
4 engage the computer component and slide mounting holes in the component onto at least  
5 one guide pin, wherein the bar pivots to secure the component against a frame of the  
6 mounting apparatus and a notched edge of the bar engages a threaded portion on the  
7 release member to lock the bar into position.

1 26. (Currently Amended) A method for detaching computer components in an  
2 enclosure by detaching a computer component from a mounting apparatus that is adapted  
3 to receive computer components and detaching ~~at~~the mounting apparatus from the  
4 enclosure, the method comprising:

5 unsecuring the computer component from ~~at~~the mounting apparatus that is  
6 adapted to receive computer components by manipulating a release  
7 member of the mounting apparatus to disengage the computer component  
8 without the use of a tool;  
9 disengaging the computer component from at least one guide pin of the  
10 mounting apparatus; and  
11 disconnecting ~~at~~the mounting apparatus from a support member of ~~an~~the  
12 enclosure by detaching at least one fastener of the mounting apparatus  
13 from the enclosure without the use of the tool.

1 27. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein unsecuring the  
2 computer component from a mounting apparatus by manipulating a release member  
3 further comprises pressing the release member toward the support member to slide the  
4 computer component away from the mounting apparatus.

1           28. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein pressing the release  
2 member toward the support member to slide the component away from the mounting  
3 apparatus further comprises the release member returning to the original position once  
4 the component has moved a certain distance away from the mounting apparatus.

1           29. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein disengaging the  
2 computer component from at least one guide pin of the mounting apparatus further  
3 comprises moving the computer component away from the apparatus to slide mounting  
4 holes on the component off of two guide pins of the mounting apparatus.

1           30. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein disconnecting a  
2 mounting apparatus from a support member of an enclosure by detaching at least one  
3 fastener of the mounting apparatus from the enclosure further comprises pulling a release  
4 plunger away from the support structure to slide a tip of the plunger out of a hole in the  
5 support structure.

1           31. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26 wherein disconnecting a  
2 mounting apparatus from a support member of an enclosure by detaching at least one  
3 fastener of the mounting apparatus from the enclosure further comprises moving the  
4 computer component against the support structure to slide two front fasteners and one  
5 back fastener out of holes in the support structure.

1           32. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising pressing  
2 at least one tab toward the mounting apparatus to release the computer component and

3 move the edge of the computer component out of a resting pocket in the mounting  
4 apparatus.

1 33. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 26, further comprising pivoting  
2 a bar to release the computer component and slide mounting holes in the component off  
3 of at least one guide pin, wherein pressing on the release member disengages a notched  
4 edge of the bar from a threaded portion on the release member to allow the bar to pivot.